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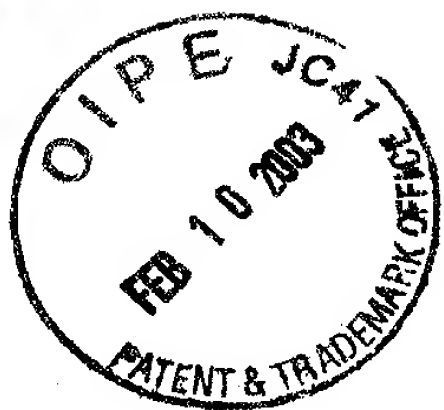
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 16, 2002, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 38 and 39 as follows:

38. (Amended). A polynucleotide that codes for a PS108 protein comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 50% identity to SEQUENCE ID NO 36.

39. (Amended). A polynucleotide comprising DNA having at least 50% identity with SEQUENCE ID NO 15 or SEQUENCE ID NO 16.